SUDDEN DEATH.

Thomas B. Snapp, an Old and Well Known Citizen, Dies of Paralysis of the Heart.

1883.

A Long, Busy and Useful Life Brought to a Sudden Termination.

Last evening, about half past eight o'clock, Thomas B. Snapp went into the stove store of Daniel Lynch, No. 623 Main street, and walked back into the passage-way in the rear of the store. It was very dark in the passage-way, and Mr. Lynch went with Mr. Snapp to open the door. Soon he heard Mr. Snapp vomiting, and asked him what was the matter. Mr. Lynch called to one of the men in the store to help Mr. Snapp while he ran after a doctor. He was carried into the store room and was sitting in a chair when Dr. Swafford arrived. The doctor examined him and found him pulseless, but conscious. Dr. Swafford called Dr. Gerstmeyer for consultation, and he coincided with Dr. Swafford that Mr. Snapp was dying and beyond all earthly aid. Morphine and ether were injected into his arm with the hope of starting the blood circulating again, but the effort proved vain. At 9 o'clock he breathed his last

Thomas B. Snapp was known by every man, woman and child in the city. He was a kind and good man, had many friends and few enemies. He was one of the oldest contractors and builders in the city. He was born at Ft. Knox, in 1828, and spent the early part of his life in Vincennes. His father was Col. Snapp, who was among the early settlers of that city, the date of his grandfather's residence there reaching back to 1796. During his early life had little chance of getting an education on account of the newness of the country. The property of 320 acres, located by his father, was the first location made in the old Spanish grant at Vincennes. From this farm all sebsequent surveys in that grant have been made.

He become a resident of Terre Haute in 1849, the distance between the two towns being made by him on foot. He arrived here with five dollars in his pocket after paying his expenses on the journey. Since then he was dependent on his own resources, and in his business has given employment to as many as sixty-five men at one time. He was the contractor and builder of many of the prominent private and public buildings of Terre Haute, among which were: The old and present Beach block, corner of Sixth and Main street, which includes the whole of the east side of Sixth street between Main and the postoffice; the State National bank building, First National bank building, city hall and Providence hospital. At the time of his death he was the contractor and was building the Rose Orphan Home, east of the city. In 1869 he built a large planing mill on the corner of Walnut and Eighth streets, which he operated until July, 1879, when it was destroyed by fire. After

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